

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—154 per cent. premium, ex div. sellers.	China Insurance Company—\$80 per share, sales and buyers.
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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

From 11 AM. FALLONER & CO. (RECEIVED)	To-day
Barometer—F. H. 30.0	30.0
Thermometer—F. H. 75.0	75.0
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Shipping.

PARATHA, British steamer, 2,035, James Arnold, 2nd March, Vancouver 4th Feb, General. —Adamson, Bell & Co.

MARCIA, British steamer, 1,060, McTosh, 2nd March, Nagasaki 27th February, Coal—Siemssen & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE

Soochow, British steamer, for Chefoo.

Spain, Spanish steamer, for Manila.

Marcia, British steamer, for Nagasaki.

Hetanaaga, British ship, for Manila.

ARRIVALS

March 2, *Norden*, Danish steamer, for Manila.

March 2, *Kumamoto Maru*, Japanese steamer, for Kutchinotzu.

March 2, *Pung-ching*, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

March 2, *Fushun*, Chinese steamer, for Whampoa.

March 2, *Natal*, British ship, for Swatow.

March 2, *Natal*, French ship, for Swatow.

March 2, *Esperanza*, Spanish steamer, for Manila.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Paratha* reports that she left Vancouver on the 4th ultimo, and Yokohama on the 22nd at 6.48 a.m.; arrived at Kobe on the 23rd at 9.20 a.m., and left again on the 26th at 0.4 a.m. Off Cape Muroto had strong westerly wind and high sea. On the 27th and 28th had moderate wind and fine clear weather. On the 29th off Turnabout had thick fog & foggy weather. From Chapel Island to present had foggy weather, and smooth sea; arrived here this morning at 11 o'clock; 5 days and 13 hours passage from Kobe.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	AGENTS.
Amico, German steamer, 771, C. A. Hundewald, 1st March, Saigon 29th February, Rice—Wiel & Co.	
ASHBURN, British steamer, 1,613, John Walker, 29th Feb., Saigon 24th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Butterfield & Swire.	
ASHINGTON, British steamer, 808, W. Reynell, 29th Feb., Saigon 23rd Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Wiel & Co.	
BENALDER, British steamer, 1,332, R. W. Thomson, 27th Feb., Nagasaki 22nd Feb., Coal—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
BENARY, British steamer, 1,119, Le Boulleiller, 27th Feb., Saigon 22nd February, Rice—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
CHINA, German steamer, 1,091, P. Haye, 29th Feb., Saigon 24th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Wiel & Co.	

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, American steamer, 3,548, W. B. Seabury, 26th Feb., San Francisco 21st Jan., and Yokohama 19th Feb., Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, 501, R. Unsworth, 1st March, Haiphong 28th Feb., General.—A. R. Marten.

DEVONHURST, Dutch steamer, 1,164, P. Houtloffer, 16th Feb., Java, Singapore and Saigon, 16th January, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, José Marquetti, 8th Feb., Manila 3rd Feb., and Amoy, 6th, General.—Brandt & Co.

DURHO, German steamer, 921, Bertelsen, 24th Feb., Saigon 18th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Tung Kee & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 177, A. Stepanl—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FERO, German steamer, 1,734, T. N. Hansen, 1st March, Saigon 25th Feb., Rice—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 687, P. Hall, 1st March, Swatow 29th Feb., General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

FUSHIKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,219, W. Thompson, 1st March, Kutchinotzu 25th Feb., Coals.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

GALIC, British steamer, 4,205, G. G. Pearne, 1st March, San Francisco 1st Feb., and Yokohama 25th Feb., Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

ILLISSUS, French steamer, 779, Roux, 10th Sept., Saigon 2nd September, General.—Ban Hui Chan.

KWONGSANG, British steamer, 809, T. H. Sellar, 1st March, Whampoa 1st March, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LOMBARDY, British steamer, 1,787, C. F. Preston, 29th Feb., Saigon 25th Feb., Rice.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

PEMPROS, German steamer, 1,541, W. Johansen, 26th Feb., Saigon 21st Feb., Rice—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stepanl—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

RECORNER, British steamer, 676, C. O. Madge, 18th Feb., Singapore 31st January.—E. E. Telegraph Co.

TAICHOW, British steamer, 864, Joseph Newton, 29th Feb., Bangkok 22nd February, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, Wood, 21st Feb., Calcutta 5th Feb., and Singapore 15th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TAIYUAN, Chinese steamer, W. M. Dodd, 24th Feb., Sydney 31st Jan., General.—C. N. Co.

TEHERAN, British steamer, 1,670, F. H. Seymour, 27th Feb., Yokohama 10th Feb., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

THALES, British steamer, 820, Hunter, 28th Feb., Taiwan, Amoy, and Swatow 27th Feb., General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

TATSUMI, German steamer, 674, P. Moos, 29th Feb., Haiphong 26th Feb., and Hothow 28th, General and Pigs.—Wiel & Co.

WINOSANO, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 30th Jan., Calcutta 14th January, Penang 20th, and Singapore 23rd, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, R. M. Talbot, 1st March, Manila 27th Feb., General.—Russell & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALDEN BESS, American bark, 812, J. A. O'Brien, 4th Dec., Puget Sound and Oct., and Honolulu 28th, Timber and Spars.—Melchers & Co.

B. P. CHERRY, American ship, 1,259, Hughes, 25th Jan., New York 17th August, Kerosene Oil.—D. Lapraik & Co.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, 1,222, J. M. Bearse, 27th Jan., New York 18th Sept., Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

MONOKONG-SAILING VESSELS.

CLAN GRANT, British bark, 1,005, Moody, 13th Dec., London 25th July, General—Order.

COLOMA, American bark, 852, C. M. Noyes, 27th Dec., Portland (Oregon) 20th Oct., Lumber and Spars.—Melchers & Co.

DOROTHEA, German bark, 620, H. Th. Moeller, 29th Jan., Hamburg 29th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.

EME, British bark, 778, W. Lummers, 23rd Jan., London 4th Oct., General.—Captain.

ERLEKINO, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.

F. P. LITCHFIELD, American bark, 1,042, Young, 5th Feb., Singapore and January, Timber.—Ton Long Wo & Co.

GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,407, Bowell, 17th Feb., San Francisco 21st December, Flour.—Russell & Co.

HATTIE E. TAPLEY, British bark, 907, J. McCannachy, 23rd Feb., Sandakan 17th Jan., Timber, Gibb, Livingston & Co.

HECHANORRA, British ship, Cann, 5th Feb., Feb., Cardiff 22nd Sept., Coal—Messageries Maritimes.

JORN D. BRAWEN, American bark, 1,020, Jesse, 11th Jan., New York 4th August, Kerosene Oil—Order.

JOHN M. BLAQUIE, British ship, 1,778, Faulkner, 11th Oct., Cardiff 29th June, Coal.—Borneo Co., Limited.

KITTY, British bark, 803, Laud, 20th August, Manila 10th August, Sugar and Hemp—Captain.

MABEL TAYLOR, British bark, 1,208, Chas. E. Denner, 28th Jan., Penarth 17th August, Coal—Order.

MANUEL, Spanish bark, 992, R. Estival, 6th Jan., Manila 27th Dec., Sapanwood—Remedios & Co.

RIALTO, British bark, 1,182, J. E. Payne, 3rd Jan., Melbourne 25th Oct., Ballast—Order.

SANTA FILOMENA, Spanish steamer, 449, J. de Mendiguer, 24th Jan., Iloilo 31st Dec., General.—Kwong Cheong Tai.

SANTA, German bark, 1,037, Tiemann, 26th Jan., Cardiff 4th September, Coals—Order.

SIAM, Siamese bark, 205, Ch. Lange, 26th Jan., Bangkok 21st December, Teak Wood.—Captain.

THEODOR RUGER, German ship, 1,576, C. Meyer, 31st Dec., Cardiff 5th August, Coals.—Melchers & Co.

TITAN, American ship, 1,276, Allyn, 28th Jan., New York 28th August, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

XENIA, American ship, 1,135, N. E. Reynolds, 27th Feb., Nagasaki 20th Feb., Coal.—Captain.

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To be Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS IN "COLLEGE CHAMBERS"

GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May.

Apply to **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.** Hongkong, 3rd February, 1888. [12]

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 1, "BALL'S COURT," Bonham Road.

SHOP No. 6, "BRACONFIELD ARCADE," Queen's Road.

Apply to **BELILIOS & Co.** Hongkong, 29th February, 1888. [244]

TO LET.

A SEVEN-ROOMED FURNISHED HOUSE near the Public Gardens.

Possession from 15th May to 1st November.

Apply to **Z.** c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office. Hongkong, 27th February, 1888. [234]

TO BE LET.

Unfurnished with Tennis Court.

NO. 5, Richmond Terrace, a FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

No. 6, Richmond Terrace, a SIX ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath Rooms.

A New Story has just been added to the Servants' quarters of both houses.

Apply to **JOHN WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary.** Hongkong, 27th January, 1888. [131]

Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, \$833,333.33.

RESERVE FUND 240,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUUK MOON, Esq.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST. Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [877]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods &c. Policies granted to all parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1888. [150]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Vessels discharging Bombay Cotton and Cotton Yarn at the Kowloon Wharves will have free storage for 14 days from arrival, after which a RENT of 3 Cents per Bale per Month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary. Hongkong, 7th November, 1887. [39]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Huntingdon	Calcutta	March 2nd	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Pathan	Liverpool	March 3rd	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Anchises	Liverpool	March 3rd	Butterfield & Swire.
Benlarig	London	March 3rd	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Khiva	Bombay	March 4th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Deepdale	Singapore	March 4th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Devawongse	Glasgow	March 4th	Scottish O. S. S. Co.
Telemaachus	Liverpool	March 6th	Butterfield & Swire.
Deccan	London	March 6th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Port Phillip	London	March 7th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Electra	Hamburg	March 7th	Siemssen & Co.
City of New York	San Francisco	March 10th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, via Suez Canal	Dionee	Butterfield & Swire	March 4th.
Marseilles, via Suez Canal	Saghalien	Messageries Maritimes	Mar. 7th, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Sachsen	Messageries Maritimes	Mar. 10th, at 4 p.m.
Havre, Hamburg, &c.	Polymnia	Siemssen & Co.	Mar. 10th, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Pathia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Mar. 15th, at 3 p.m.
New York, via Suez Canal	Glenroy	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About 15th Mar.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	City of Rio de Janeiro	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	To-morrow, at 3 a.m.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	Gaelic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Mar. 14th, at 3 p.m.
Queensland Ports, &c.	Taiyuan	Butterfield & Swire	Mar. 17th, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama, via N'aki, &c.	Teheran	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Yokohama and Kobe	Port Phillip	Adamson, Bell & Co.	March 4th.
Kobe and Yokohama	Benlarig	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About 4th March.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Pathan	Adamson, Bell & Co.	To-morrow.
Nagasaki	Fushiki-haru	Kwong Sang	March 4th.
Tsientsin	Yangtze	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Anchises	Butterfield & Swire	March 5th.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Telemaachus	Butterfield & Swire	March 8th.
Haiphong	Zafiro	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Danube	A. R. Marten	Mar. 4th, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy, &c.	Talchiew	Yuen Fat Hong	Mar. 4th, daylight.
	Thales	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

FOR THE RACES.

GENTS TALL HATS. BLACK FELT HATS. COLOURED FELT HATS. STRAW HATS. TERAI HATS. SCARFS, TIES AND ROSETTES made to order in any combination of colours. BRIDLES TRIMMED.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, (TELEPHONE 21) Hongkong, 18th February, 1888 [6]

INTERIOR ART DECORATIONS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Mr. W. S. Marten, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE **Hall & Holtz Co., Ltd., OF SHANGHAI,** IS NOW IN

HONGKONG

FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING XTENE-SIVE CONTRACTS IN DECORATING, &c.

MR. MARTEN is accompanied by an experienced staff of Workmen, and all work undertaken will be carefully carried out under his own personal supervision.

Amongst the numerous large orders that have recently been completed by the HALL & HOLTZ COMPANY, we may mention the LYCEUM THEATRE, SHANGHAI, the whole of the Ball Rooms, and the principal Halls in that Settlement as examples that have given universal satisfaction.

All kinds of ART and DECORATIVE FURNITURE, made of the finest seasoned woods and in the latest and most fashionable styles by thoroughly experienced workmen, supplied on terms that defy competition in the Far East.

The Factory having been enlarged to double its former size, we can now furnish a HALL, DRAWING ROOM, DINING-ROOM and BEDROOM COMPLETE, with CARPETS, &c., for Taels 350.—Shanghai Price.

For all further information, plans, drawings and estimates, apply at **MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S** Hongkong, 31st October, 1887. [30]

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Apply to **W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings.** Hongkong, 10th December, 1887. [11]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS

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CHARTS AND BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [604]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

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for Louis Audemars' Watches; awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition, and for Volkmann and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, and SPYGLASSES.

No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [601]

Intimations.

LEE TUK CHEONG, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS or DEMANDS against or upon the ESTATE of LEE TUK CHEONG late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, who died on the 5th May, 1887, are required to send to me at my Office at No. 61, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid full particulars of such Claims or Demands on or before the 30th April next in order that the same may be examined by LEE SOW KEW the Administrator of his Estate, and if found correct duly discharged, and all Persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to pay the amount of their respective Debts to me.

This 28th February, 1888.

HO WYSON, Solicitor to the Administrator.

SARAWAK GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS will be received up to 9 A.M. on MONDAY, the 16th April, 1888, for RENTING the following FARMS for THREE YEARS, from 1st July, 1888, viz:—

The OPIUM FARM of the Territory of Sarawak, from Tanjong Datu to and inclusive of the Baram River, a distance of 30 miles.

The GAMBLING FARM, from Tanjong Datu to and inclusive of the Sadong River.

The ARRACK FARM, from Tanjong Datu to and inclusive of the Sadong River.

2nd—Tenders must be written in English and forwarded in Sealed Covers addressed to the Honourable the Resident of Sarawak, Kuching, Sarawak.

3rd—Tenders for each FARM SEPARATELY, and a Tender for the THREE FARMS COLLECTIVELY, are required.

4th—The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

5th—The successful Tenderer or Tenderers will be required to find Security for the due fulfilment of his or their Contracts.

6th—For further information apply to A. L. JOHNSTON & Co., Agents in Singapore for the SARAWAK GOVERNMENT, or to the RESIDENT OFFICE, Kuching, Sarawak.

F. O. MAXWELL, Administering the Government.

For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

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PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

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The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose, so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military authorities have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

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THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG AND A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR ANNUAL SUPPLY

of

LAWN GRASS SEED

and

SWEET CORN,

for immediate sowing.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1888.

MARRIAGE.

At East Point, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. G. H. Bonfield, JOHN SUTHERLAND, to MARGARET, eldest daughter of John Holmes, of Greenock.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter.)

ABYSSINIA.

LONDON, February 29th.

The King of Abyssinia has summoned all his subjects to extirpate the Italians.

Fighting is shortly expected.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

The negotiations between France and Italy for a treaty of Commerce have been finally ruptured upon points regarding the tariff.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Manila papers are unanimous in their praises of the Italian Opera Company at present performing in that city.

THE detailed programme of the Concert in aid of the funds of the Alice Memorial Hospital will be found in another column.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. courteously informs us that the steamship *Deccan*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port yesterday at 6 a.m.

A REGULAR meeting of Zealand Lodge, No. 325, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

WE hear that General Schaedelin has already proceeded to Haiphong to take possession of the 15,000 hectares of carboniferous soil in Dong-tien, lately ceded to him by the French Government.

LONDON papers state that an official letter has been received by the Portuguese Government from the Custom-house authorities at Quilimane, reporting that they have seized two cases of innuendoes consigned to Scotch missionaries. It would be interesting to learn what part these innuendoes were intended to play in "the work of conversion."

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and the officers of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, the Regimental Band will play in the Public Gardens, on Sunday, the 4th inst., from 3.30 till 5 p.m. The following will be the programme:—

March..... Sacred..... Bonaparte
Overture..... "..... ".....
Sullivan..... "..... ".....
Arlene..... "..... ".....
Selection..... "..... ".....
Valse..... "..... ".....
Selection..... "..... ".....
Mazurka..... "..... ".....

FIVE Chinamen came before Mr. Woodhouse this morning charged by the Police with rescuing a prisoner whom a P. C. had taken into custody, on the 1st inst. The constable said he saw the defendants gambling, and succeeded in arresting one of the offenders, when soon after the others followed and attempted to release the prisoner. A scuffle ensued during which the witness was violently assaulted by all the prisoners, who beat upon and beat him over the head and chest, after which they ran away. Another member of the force who had been sent out to track the larrikins swore that when the five accused men saw him and his party approaching they gave notice to each other and attempted to evade them—he heard them proposing to clear out. Mr. Woodhouse remanded the prisoners in order to collect further evidence, taking bail to the extent of \$25 each.

A ST. LOUIS telegram of the 31st January, says:—The ice-gorge which has formed on the Mississippi river in front of this city began to move at 10 o'clock this morning, when the January thaw loosened the great mass and it slowly crushed down upon \$1,500,000 worth of property, which it is now slowly grinding into ruins. Already several barges have been sunk and the steamers *Tamim*, *Matilda* and the *Hays* have been sunk. The *Hays* was valued at \$300,000. The *Matilda* boats also was a fine steamer. The *Tamim* was a ferry-boat. The wharf-boat of the Harco and Grafton Railroad Company was swept away at 10 o'clock. The steamer *City of Houston* snapped her lines at noon and is a wreck. The ice has stopped running and there is little chance for thousands of dollars worth of property still below. The gorge began to move again to-night, but no damage was done, and river men think the worst is past.

In another column will be found the Report and Account of the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, for the year ended 31st December, 1887.

WE are in receipt of a copy of "The Universal Language or Volapuk," by Mr. J. A. van Aalst, of the Chinese Imperial Customs' Service, Amoy, and as soon as an opportunity offers, will review the work.

WE would call attention to a slight alteration in the Government notification which will be found in another column, concerning the message recently received from the Australian Government, re the quarantine of vessels proceeding from Chinese Ports.

WE note from our Australian exchanges that Sir Henry Parkes, the h-less and thrice insolvent Premier of New South Wales, has been made a grand cross of the Order of St. George and St. Gorge. This is the distinguished honor held by our old friend and fellow citizen Sir Gush Bowen. Parkes, Bowen, and this distinguished (?) Order are well matched.

A THICK fog, one of the thickest in our recollection, enveloped the whole town and harbour last night and this morning; eventually clearing up towards 11 a.m. Ships' bells and fog horns were uninterruptedly heard throughout the dreary hours of the night and during the early morning; no accident has, however, occurred. An inhabitant of cloud-land informed us that the scene at the Peak this morning was peculiarly picturesque as no fog reached those altitudes and splendid sunshine ruled supreme, while the mountain's sides and the town nestling at its base were immersed in a sea of mist.

A COMMITTEE has been appointed with the view of procuring subscriptions to a testimonial to be presented to the Hon. G. H. Thomsett, R.N., in recognition of his twenty-eight years of service rendered to the Colony in his capacity of Harbour Master. We learn that lists will be sent round and placed at the usual centres for such purposes. Mr. T. Jackson and Mr. E. J. Ackroyd will act as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and with the Hon. W. M. Deane, Hon. A. P. McEwen, and Hon. Wong Shing will form a Committee for the presentation of the testimonial to Captain Thomsett on his retirement.

ACCORDING to a Chicago telegram dated January 31st, a bold project to supply that city with unlimited quantities of natural gas for fuel and illuminating purposes is being developed by a combination of Chicago and Philadelphia capitalists, who will shortly incorporate a pipeline company. One of the projectors said that the pipelines would be fed by wells near to or remote from Chicago, wherever they could find them. They have already located several wells within a reasonable distance of this city. They will use for pipe-lines seamless steel tubing, the invention of a member of the combination, which is said to be a marvelous success.

TO-DAY a married woman named Tung-Alan was charged with bringing a girl aged 17 into the colony for purposes of emigration. The complainant said she was also married—the ceremony having been performed in Haiphong, and on the same day her husband took her on board a steamer and brought her to Hongkong and subsequently took her to Canton where he sold her for defendant for \$205—this was about a month ago. The person who bought her, the defendant, she did not know and had never seen before. This person brought her to Hongkong on the 18th inst. and soon after her arrival the Police took charge of her. The case was of considerable length and ended by the defendant being committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions. Mr. Woodhouse had in hand several other cases in which women had been thus sold and kidnapped; they were chiefly Annamites or Chinese from the southern provinces, who had been beguiled by fine stories about the wonders and luxuries to be seen and to be shared in about Hongkong and Canton.

THE *San Francisco Chronicle*, under the heading "An Adventure," reports the following curious career of a Californian woman:—Baron Cremors has filed a suit against the *Press* newspaper for \$100,000 damages for an alleged libel published December 10th. Behind the suit is a romantic story. Cremors is the son of a great Russian banker worth forty millions, and a nephew of the Russian Minister, De Stuyve, at Washington. He is also Lieutenant of a Cossack Russian regiment of Hussars. In an interview he stated that he married a year ago in New York, Victoria Cassin, a handsome brunette, formerly of San Francisco. He met her in a Broadway house and became fascinated. He says she professed to entertain an ardent and pure devotion for him, but two weeks after marriage she told him she could not love any man, because she had given all her love to a lady. Some time after he began to learn that prior to her marriage his wife had displayed an extraordinary infatuation for actresses. She had also been editor of a publication called *The Stage Gazette*, and was in the habit of going out in boy's clothes to see the town. An illustrated account of some of her exploits was printed. He was honestly devoted to the woman, and when she told him of her peculiar temperament he replied that although it would be a calamity, so long as she loyally adhered to him he did not intend to do anything to discredit his family or himself, and should accept her friendly feeling and gratitude. The husband continued: "She disclosed other serious errors of her life before her marriage, but I assured her if she would lead a true and loyal life now I could condone the past. Worst of all, she took a great fancy to James Jewell, a socialist shemmaker, proclaiming him the ideal civilized man. She used to take him to theatres, and got imbued with his wild notions." Jewell some months ago was arrested, charged with assaulting his own thirteen-year-old daughter. He wrote from the jail to the Baroness that the Baron was the guilty party. The *Press* published the letter, and hence the suit for damages and vindication. The Baroness is said to be studying medicine.

IT is stated in home papers that there were fifty thousand bottles of liquor—wines, spirits, etc., of all kinds—among the Pope's Jubilee presents. What a jolly boozee the old fellow will have for the next six months. With the aid of the Cardinals and other thirty apostles he ought to polish off the lot in that time. We are only sorry we cannot participate in this remarkably good thing.

THE Portuguese have from of old made themselves conspicuous as profuse narrators of travels and journeys in unknown seas and foreign lands. Pinto's "Peregrinations," written in the 16th century and describing the author's own journeyings and adventures in China, have acquired a world-wide celebrity as a work of history. Equally famous may be considered Barros, cognomized the Portuguese Tacitus, Couto, Macedo, and a host of others. The modern "descendants" of the old navigators and conquerors of India are now following in the wake of their presumed forebears, as they fill the continental libraries of Europe with volumes of descriptive tracts about Africa, Asia, and Polynesia; their works are, however, frightfully deficient in historical value, and their only merit would appear to consist in a certain fidelity in copying from larger and more authoritative productions on similar topics. This *caecitas* of travel-writing has now spread itself to Macao. Three historians have suddenly sprung from the Holy City and are now astonishing the world with their literary trash. One is the Secretary of the Portuguese Embassy to Peking, who has been filling the columns of the *Independente* with an interminable description of his voyage from Lisbon to Macao and Peking, imparting to the ignorant world valuable and hitherto hidden information about the geographical position and social status of such outlandish places as Marsailles, Malta, Port Said, Aden, Ceylon, Singapore, Saigon, and Hongkong. The world is assuredly under an immense obligation to Senhor Pindella for his recent discoveries and for the new theories of navigation he has acquired during a trip to the Far East on board a mail steamer. The next rising-historian is another Macao official who hides his light under initials. He probably thought he would improve upon Senhor Pindella's narrative by going over the identical parts of each of the mail steamers, and describing them anew, to the undivided admiration of all past and future travellers. Dr. Gomes di Silva, who is now in Bangkok, as Secretary to the Portuguese Embassy, has also blossomed out into an historian of travels. Bangkok may be thankful to him for the important discoveries he has made, and with which he is now acquainting the ignorant world in the columns of the *Macao Independente*. We doubt not that the next travel-writer who will make him feel heard and admired will be our excellent friend who has just left for Europe, Mr. A. Basio, Jr.

KNOW YE, BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT

Ye Fifty-eights

The true trained Band of Northampton

(Ye Old Steeldrums of Rutland)

Did late Hongkong Goodie Folks, and Friends, hail into the lists at "Happy Valley" of this Fair Gibraltar of the East.

Whereon will be holden a Gynmic Tournay (Of which anon)

On Saturday, Ye 11th day of March, Anno Dom: 1888.

Whereat a Bande of Ministrils shall discourse with Instruments and Sonnes diverse.

Under the patronage of

H. E. Major-General W. G. Cameron, C.B.

Committee:

Major W. P. Ellis. Major M. Churchill.

Major R. J. Fryer. Captain J. Collinson.

Lieut. C. S. Chicheard. Lieut. M. D. Graham.

Sub-Committee:

Sergt.-Major H. L. Sergeant Reynolds.

Col.-Sergt. Crowley. Sergeant Brown.

Staff-Sergeant Mills.

CONDITIONS.

1.—All Competitors to be properly dressed.

2.—Three to start, or no prize, 5 or no 3rd, 6 or no 4th, 7 or no 5th prize.

3.—Tug-of-War, 10 men a team; no sitting down allowed.

4.—Entries for all events free, except 220 yards Handicap.

5.—"The Advance" will sound 5 minutes before each event.

To commence at 1.30 o'clock.

EVENTS.

1.—PUTTING THE SHOT, 16 lbs.—No follow.

2.—HIGH JUMP.

3.—LONG JUMP.

4.—BOYS RACE—120 yards Handicap.

5.—100 YARDS RACE.

6.—N. C. RACE—120 yards.

7.—HURDLE RACE—120 yards, 10 flights, open to Army, Navy and Police.

8.—ONE MILE RACE.

9.—OLD SOLDIER'S RACE—120 yards; 1 yard start for every year over 12 years.

10.—FINAL HEAT HURDLE RACE.

11.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

12.—QUARTER MILE RACE.

Challenge Cup presented by the Hon. C. P. Chait.

13.—BLUE JACKETS' RACE—120 yards.

14.—220 YARDS HANDICAP—Open to Officers of Army and Navy, Hongkong Club and V. R. C.; Prize, a Cup.

15.—HALE MILE RACE—Open to Army, Navy and Police.

16.—TILTING AT THE BUCKET.

17.—SKIRMISHING RACE—100 yards; open to Garrison.

Prizes presented by H. E. The Major-General Commanding.

The following are the Orders of the Day for the Legislative Council to be held on Monday, the 5th inst. at 4 p.m.—

1. Second reading of the following Bills:—
(a) The Stamp Duties Amendment Ordinance, 1888.
(b) The Trees Preservation Ordinance, 1888.
(c) The Rating Ordinance, 1888.
2. Third reading of the Bill entitled The Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.

YESTERDAY while some coolies were at work excavating on a building site in the neighbourhood of Queen's Road West, a large mass of loose flint-stone, under which many of them were working, suddenly gave way and fell on the top of a division of the working party, burying two of the unfortunate men completely out of sight. All who were able to do so fled, and were afraid to return, owing, as they explained, to the changes of more ground falling, and it was not for some time that it was suspected that any of the coolies was missing. On notice being given to the Police, and an idea getting abroad that the men had not all escaped, a search was instituted with the result that after much of the soil had been removed, two bodies were found in which were no signs whatever of life. An inquest was held at the Mortuary this afternoon on the two men, and also, on the body of a native shopkeeper who is supposed to have committed suicide last evening.

SPORTING Gossip.

Hongkong's annual carnival, the saturnalia of our "Gibraltar and Malta of the Far East," has come and gone, the gigantic picnic with its pleasing social amenities, in spite of the adverse weather, proved almost as enjoyable as ever; races have been lost and won, what is known in the racing world as public form has received a series of shocks which are as astounding as they are inexplicable; and as usual the smiles and frowns of Dame Fortune have been distributed with impartiality. However, I am not going at present to deal with the Jockey Club Meeting of 1888 from its social standpoint—that will be done in our Hongkong "Social Life" series of sketches at another time—but will confine myself to the racing and to sundry matters connected therewith which appear to me worthy of comment.

The wretched weather during the three "legitimate" days undoubtedly proved a great drawback and spoiled sport to a considerable extent, but even with this disadvantage the racing was quite up to the average, every event being fought out to the bitter end, and the fields all through were much larger than could reasonably have been looked for. Owing to the muddy state of the course upstart were unusually numerous, "the best laid schemes" of mice and men gangling away far oftener than was agreeable to racing men who had based their calculations and made their investments on public form. I hold the general opinion that a really good race pony will run up to his form—always providing that he is in racing condition—no matter what state the track may be in; but there are undoubtedly exceptions to the general rule, and of this we had ample evidence during the past week. To quote one special instance, I need only take the disappointing running of Mr. John Peel's veteran rider Bandman. This old pony was never in better order throughout his lengthy career, and during training he again and again demonstrated his ability to "make rings round" the whole of the powerful East Point team without the least difficulty, yet in the mud he never once ran within 2 1/2 miles of his true form. His record reads:—A fair second to the Amoy ex-subscription griffin Lohengrin in the Lusitano Cup, an indifferent third to Bullion and Merry Andrew in the Professional Cup, a clever win in the Welter Plate from the erratic Forester and third class cattle like Fun and Superbus, and another defeat in the Navy Plate, in which he finished behind Bellion and Zulu. And yet on the "Old Day" when the course had commenced to harden, Bandman, over the immediate distance to the Lusitano and Professional Cups, cut down Bullion, Fun, Lohengrin and Quicksilver as if they had been so many hacks, winning in a hand canter by three lengths. The only reasonable inference that can be drawn from all this is that Bandman is one of those exceptional ponies that will not race unless he hears his feet rattle. On a dry course I feel perfectly certain that he would have been returned the winner of the Lusitano and Professional Cups and the Champions, as I know him to be a superior pony to Tioga over a mile and a half.

I will quote a few more cases in which fairly well tried ponies proved utterly useless as mud-larks. The Black Watch and Mac, with full weight up, distanced Silken Mead in a gallop over the Derby distance a fortnight before the races, in very respectable time, considering the holding state of the course. On another occasion the first named pony led Silken Mead for over a mile in 2 1/2, and several times proved his great speed by covering a "quarter" under 29 seconds; and yet in the mud neither the Black Watch nor Mac appeared capable of beating a first-class donkey. Honestly, in my opinion, was not his tip-top condition, being big and above himself; but his superior class should have enabled him to beat such inferior cattle as Gone Away, Encounter and Superstition in the Flyaway Stakes; and yet over his best distance (six furlongs) he was practically beaten off. That it was the holding course which stopped Honestly was demonstrated on Monday morning, when Mr. John Peel informs me he easily beat Leap Year and Gone Away in a mile gallop on a very slow course in 2 min. 12 seconds. No doubt several other ponies that failed to answer expectations would have distinguished themselves had the going been sound; and it is said that Dunkeled would have won the Champions "in a walk" on a hard course.

Tioga is a pony that greatly disappointed his admirers. He was as fit as hands could make him, but suffered easy defeats from Joker and Blue Raim in the Fochow Cup, and from Fair Sport in the Hongkong Cup. It is true Tioga won the Champions, but this victory was certainly not achieved on the pony's merits. With the exception of Fair Sport, the field was composed of tired ponies, and the idiotic way in which the "leviathan" stud were ridden amounted to making a present of the race to Mr. John Peel. Why Mr. Sassoon sacrificed his prospects of success on the (very far) off-chance of winning with Harbinger is best known to himself; that his suicidal policy lost him the honor and glory of winning the Champions is about as certain as anything in racing can be a certainty. It is perfectly true that Conqueror won (on a hard course) both the Challenge Cup and the Champions—he had previously landed the Keqechong Cup and Champions, which was a still more meritorious performance—but Conqueror is, when fit and well, an exceptionally good stayer, and, moreover, one of the hardest race-ponies that ever looked through a bridle. Harbinger is neither.

Numerous remarks have been made regarding the in-and-out running of certain ponies in Mr. Sassoon's stable, but more especially Bullion, Carole and Orange Blossom. In the Lusitano Cup, Carole, a mile and a quarter, Bullion, Mr. Hutchings, was beaten off by Lohengrin, Bandman, Mogpie, and three others, and then opposing the same ponies in the Professional Cup and Navy Plate, with the same rider in the saddle, he won in common canter, and looked, although a tired pony, very much like winning the Champions a quarter of a mile from home. Mr. Machado having the mount in the last instance, Carole, ridden by Mr. Hutchings, never got near the front in the Derby and was practically beaten off in the Scurry Stakes, steered by the same jockey, he was unplaced to Lightfoot, Silken Mead and the moderate singlehanded; and yet, with Mr. Crawford up, he easily lost the Puce Cup by a short head to Happy-go-lucky, which ought to have been the other way, and ran Harbinger to the hairs on his nose in the Challenge Cup, beating the winner of the Derby, Orlando, and three other tried racers. In the Champions Carole, ridden by Mr. McLean, was only beaten half a length by Harbinger for second place—with Fair Sport, Orlando, Tycoon, Merry Andrew, Bullion, and Joker behind him—and might possibly have won had his rider been allowed to exercise his own judgment. Orange Blossom (Mr. Hutchings up) was beaten very cleverly in the Valley Stakes by Viking; steered by the same jockey in the German Cup he had the race in hand all the way and won in a canter; and in the Brokers' Cup, carrying 7 lb. extra and ridden by Mr. Machado, he cut down Viking, Sultan, Melitrope, and all the subscription griffins almost without an effort.

More inconsistent running than in the cases just quoted would be impossible. How to explain it satisfactorily is far beyond my power, but I do not hesitate to say that it is the duty of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to demand an explanation in the interest of true sport. It must not for one moment be inferred that I am insinuating dishonesty or fraud by calling attention to the complicated performances of the above named ponies; it is quite possible that the persons responsible are in a position to offer a thoroughly satisfactory explanation, and my principal object in calling attention to the matter is to give them that opportunity. Inconsistent running does by no means justify an accusation of fraud; race ponies are not machines whose performances can at all times be relied on, but have been conclusively shown to be "in-and-out" in most aggravating fashion. Of course if equivocal betting transactions are mixed up with inconsistent running, then the subject assumes a serious aspect. Singularly enough, two instances of inconsistent running at home have for some time past been the leading sensations on the English turf. It was the

the one nor the other; he is not a first class stayer and he is a very delicately constituted pony.

Fair Sport was kept specially for the Champions and it was intended to win with him after the decision of the Challenge Cup. Harbinger's fluky victory—Carole must have won had Mr. Crawford come a little sooner—in the Challenge entirely upset all previous arrangements, apparently for the reason that the three thousand taeler had been especially backed to win the great race of the meeting. And in grasping at the shadow the substance was missed, to the demonstrative delight of all lovers of genuine sport. Tioga, as I have already indicated, did not win the Champions on his racing merits; Fair Sport beat him easily enough in the Hongkong Cup, but he won the same distance, and he judiciously ridden would have beaten him again. And Carole, notwithstanding his previous outing in the Challenge, would have made a bold bid for victory had his rider not been tied down to waiting orders. Mr. Crawford's riding of Fair Sport is simply incomprehensible. If the Confederacy were afraid that Fair Sport would beat Harbinger it would have been better to have kept him in his stable; Harbinger was specially designed to make his own running and gallop his opponents to a standstill, and this he tried to do—and failed. Fair Sport rendered him no assistance whatever, and the latter's jockey, instead of waiting on Tioga and coming when his stable companion was beaten, "powed" his head off in the first three quarters of a mile, had to be pulled up, and walked in with the crowd. It is quite legitimate in racing for an owner who starts more than one pony to make a declaration with which he intends to win; and it is equally legitimate to issue with one that has not been declared if the issue ever appears in doubt. Mr. Sassoon had a perfect right to wait on Tioga with Fair Sport for all he was worth. Mr. Hutchings and Harbinger gamely responded and in rising the Black Rock ball the favorite got the best of the struggle and drew gradually away; but Orlando had done his work effectively and when the comparatively fresh Tioga dashed up without giving the "Demon" time to take a pull, the race was practically over. Mr. Hough rode a good race, but I hope the next time he rides a winner in Hongkong. He will refrain from looking round at his beaten opponents and jeeringly waving his whip above his head. It is bad form and it is not sport. He should single out the ponies he might have lost him the race. One can laugh at this sort of thing in a "Mafioso" scramble from "The Pirate" or "The Horse," but it is not nice from a gentleman's rider. Needless to say that these remarks are not offensively meant, and I am only sorry that any reason should have existed for their use.

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